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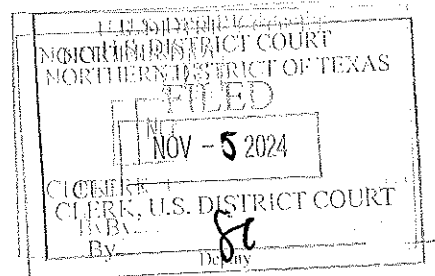
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re: My correspondence received Oct 22 24
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I read about you in the American Prospect Bonus Issue 2024 Vol 35 #6.

1225-600 Eye St NW Wash DC 20005. Keith Ellison: Seeing Red

The former 6-term cong-man talked about his strategies for countering the right's ambitions at the state level.

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Keith Ellison: Seeing Red

Minnesota's attorney general on how to fight back against conservative aggression at the state level

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When you were in Congress, you saw the partisan gridlock. Do you think that explains why the far right is using the states to try to make headway with right-wing policies?

I think they are trying to roll back policies of equal justice on all fronts. And not just the federal government and the states—school boards, too. They have a comprehensive strategy to return America to pre-1950 on all fronts.

If they don't want women to be able to be cross or to succeed in the professions, we are looking for talent, and talent comes in all kinds of packages.

So I think it gives us an advantage, because what they're essentially doing is shutting their doors on people who can help their state. And that means that we're going to benefit. I guarantee you, if they keep this up, Minnesota will be known as the place that is freer, fairer, and more prosperous.

People like Ken Paxton, the Texas attorney general, are trying to export their policies to more progressive states. Paxton wants to track down and punish women who travel out of state to get abortions, and he wants other states to cooperate with Texas, as in the Fugitive Slave Act. How can Minnesota resist that?

Paxton has two constitutional problems.

In November 2023, you took the lead on a letter signed by other Democratic attorneys general to push back against right-wing state officials intimidating states and financial institutions that embraced ESG criteria in investments. What other actions can Minnesota take to resist these far-right campaigns?

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Minnesota has four states on its borders; all of them have Republican legislatures, and all but one a Republican governing trifecta. It feels state policy divergence and aggression right on its doorstep. But Minnesota has also been a blue oasis among that sea of red, passing progressive policies and using its leverage to resist the conservative momentum. As state attorney general, Keith Ellison is at the forefront of that push-back. The former six-term congressman talked about his strategies for countering the right's ambitions at the state level.

TAP: In December 2023, you took the lead to organize a letter signed by other Democratic state attorneys general to push back against a campaign by right-wing state officials aimed at intimidating states and financial companies that embraced ESG criteria in their investments. What other actions can you take against these far-right campaigns?

Keith Ellison: We reacted to another completely offensive action by right-wing AGs who are trying to get the EPA to abandon activities to protect communities of color against environmental injustices. They term this "racial engineering." This is led by Florida's attorney general, Ashley Moody. She got 22 other Republican AGs to go on her letter. She doesn't want the EPA to use civil rights laws to investigate actions and policies that resolve environmental harm to Black people or other minorities.

We wrote to the EPA as well. We said, you must be doing this. It's your legal responsibility to enforce the law, to protect communities from additional pollution burdens.

Going beyond these dueling letters, is there some way you can take the fight to the other side?

That's exactly what we need to be doing. My colleagues in the Democratic Attorneys General Association are looking to ways to do just that. This is really about returning America to a period before the Supreme Court decision of *Brown v. Board of Education* in 1954, and before the great civil rights acts of the 1960s. They want to

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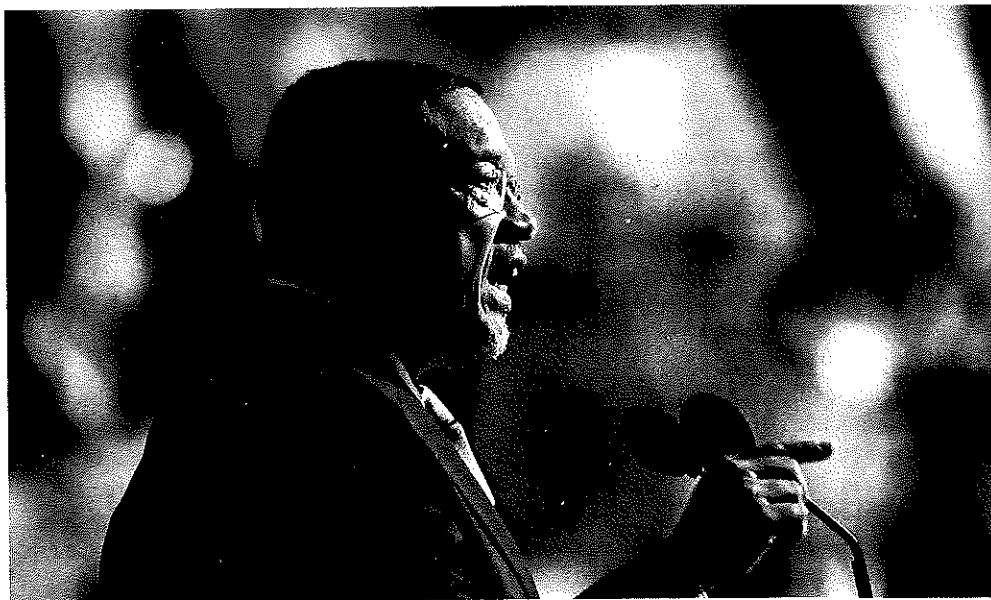
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Elon Musk Sues Well-Heeled Group Dedicated to Crushing Free Speech

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By José Niño
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On Nov. 20, 2023, X, the social media platform formerly known as Twitter, sued lavishly funded leftist advocacy organization Media Matters for America, charging that the left-wing organization faked a report that showed advertisers' posts next to hard-right and other identitarian posts to allegedly "drive advertisers from the platform and destroy X Corp."

With seed money from George Soros and related organizations, political activist David Brock founded Media Matters in 2004 as a "watchdog" journalism group that sought to expose "conservative misinformation" in U.S. media. Ironically, Brock cut his teeth as a conservative investigative reporter during the 1990s, but later became an operative for the Democratic Party towards the late 1990s.

Since its founding, Media Matters has sought to harass right-wing outlets and personalities in any way possible. Their campaigns against the right have only magnified during the Trump era, when many liberal organizations firmly believed that former President Donald Trump's victory in 2016 constituted an existential threat to the American political system.

Tesla founder Elon Musk's purchase of Twitter in October 2022 has further galvanized many liberal organizations. They are convinced

Musk's X platform serves as a hotbed for right-wing nationalist thought. Media Matters, staying true to its mission statement, thus led the charge to bankrupt Musk's company.

The latest drama in this legal ordeal involves a federal judge who purchased over \$15,000 worth of Tesla stock. The judge recently rejected a motion that could have compelled him to recuse himself from a lawsuit that X filed against Media Matters.

U.S. District Judge Reed O'Connor of the Northern District of Texas purchased Electronics Tesla stock valued between \$15,001 and \$50,000 in 2022, per findings from a financial disclosure. Media Matters contended in a July court filing that X should disclose Tesla as an "interested party" in the case due to the connection between Musk and the Tesla brand. O'Connor threw out the Media Matters motion in a ruling issued on Aug. 16, 2024.

In his ruling, O'Connor argued that financial interest "means ownership of a legal or equitable interest, however small, or a relationship as director, adviser, or other active participant in the affairs of a party." O'Connor stressed in his ruling that the standard has not been met in this case and accused Media Matters of engaging in gamesmanship.

O'Connor described assertions that the value of Tesla and X are connected due to Musk's ownership as "speculative." He added that there's no sign that Musk's involvement or the case's

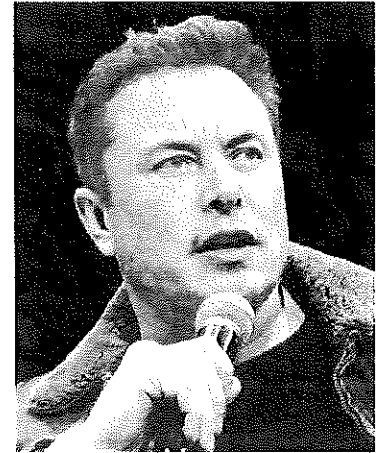
outcome will have an impact on Tesla's share price.

On top of that, O'Connor's ruling announced that the court "will award attorney's fees on this matter" due to how Media Matters' motion "is not substantially justified." X was subsequently instructed to file a motion for attorney's fees.

Some free speech protections remain strong in the United States. They prevent outright attacks from the government on free speech, for the most part. This function of attacking free speech has been largely outsourced to the private sector, Big Tech companies, and the NGO networks. In tandem, they try to find underhanded ways to infringe on the freedom of expression, mostly of conservatives.

The very fact that a social media platform like X is under the control of an entrepreneur who wants to nominally protect free speech is simply too much for a ruling class that is obsessed with maintaining total domination over its subjects. These despots are using conventional political and non-political means to ensure that X cannot survive as a profitable company.

With Musk at the helm of X, the nationalist right has been able to survive and thrive on the social media platform like never before. Such a reality of free speech beginning to blossom on one of the premier social media platforms in the United States is sim-



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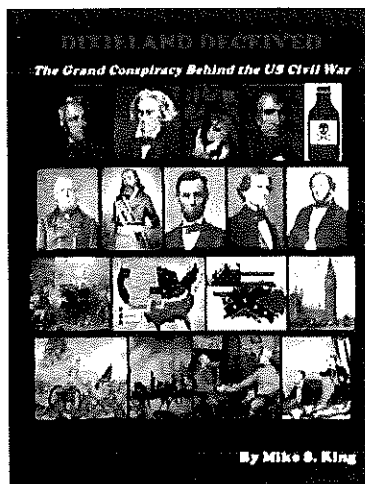
Battling for freedom of speech.

ply a prospect the D.C. regime cannot tolerate whatsoever. In turn, they're going to great lengths to suppress free speech online with every tool at their disposal.

X's legal scuffle with Media Matters should be a reminder that U.S. politics has long departed from the realm of normality. Additionally, politics in this country grows more brutish by the day. Whatever flaws X may have under Musk's stewardship, it's still an oasis of freedom compared to the rest of the anarcho-tyrannical wasteland that is Clown World USA.

For the time being, X merits the financial and moral support of all those who see the real threat to genuine free speech and expression is coming from the left, not conservatives. ★

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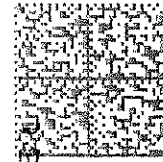
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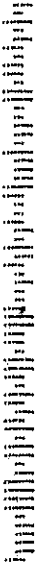


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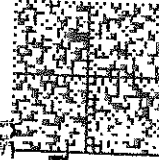
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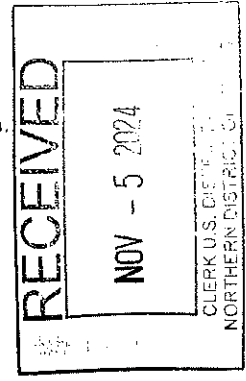
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